GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item regarding National Language Commissionappearing in 'Dainik Jagran' dated 10th May, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have considered to constitute a National Language Commission and have arrived at any decisionin this regard so far; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction and functions of the proposed Commission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPME MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Government of India has decided to setup a Council for the promotion of Indian Languages under the Chairmanshipof Hon'ble Prime Minister with the Minister of Human Resource Development as its Deputy Chairman. The Council willadvise the Government on measures to be taken for the development, propagation and promotion of the Indian Languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

It has been felt that a full-fledged Commission would not be necessary since there already exist several institutions (such as the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, theKendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, the Central Hindi Directorate, the National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language, the National Council forthe Promotion of Sindhi Language, etc) for the promotionof different Indian Languages. As an advisory body, the proposed Council would serve to guide and give direction to these existing institutions.